

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
ALBUQUERQUE OPERATIONS OFFICE

Memorandum

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Reply To: WMD
Subject: Assessment of the Pollution Prevention Generator Set-Aside Fee Pilot Program
To: Alvin L. Alm, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management EM-1, HQ

In February 1995, the Pollution Prevention Executive Board agreed to pilot test a generator set-aside fee program to encourage waste generator accountability, promote waste reduction, and provide a source of funds for P2 project implementation. The Albuquerque Operations Office was appointed as lead for this DOE initiative and serves as primary point of contact among the pilot sites. Part of this responsibility has been the development of a 'year-end assessment' and recommendations for the Board's consideration, which is attached.

The pilot, which included Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico, the Oak Ridge Reservation sites, and the Savannah River Site, has been quite successful. The pilot sites assessed a small fee on waste generation and then applied these funds to implement pollution prevention projects. The pilot has been quite successful in accomplishing its goal, and as you can see the attached report, we are recommending that the Generator Set-Aside Fee (GSAF) program, or a similar tool, be continued and expanded to other sites across the DOE complex. Although the responsibility for waste management is possibly being transferred to generator organizations in the coming years, and will potentially provide an incentive for pollution prevention, we believe that a need will still exist for a program such as GSAF before and during the transition if not beyond.

Albuquerque Operation Office, with the help of the Pilot Team, will be available to assist with implementing a program at additional DOE sites.

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